



## Post Shorts

### Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Dec. 1, is paper. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb. On Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day, there will be no trash pickup; trash and recycling will be picked up on Nov. 24.



### Recycling changes for the year 2000

Curbside recycling is changing with the times. Harford County's recycling program needs your help in implementing a more cost effective recycling system. Effective Feb. 1, 2000, mixed paper will no longer be accepted in plastic bags. Residents are encouraged to start putting mixed paper for recycling in paper bags or cardboard boxes. For more information, call Harford County's Office of Recycling at 410-638-3417.

### Holiday events set for December

Aberdeen Proving Ground will celebrate the holiday season with tree-lighting ceremonies on both areas of post. Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, will host both events. The Aberdeen Area Tree-Lighting Ceremony will be held Thursday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m., in front of the Post Library, building 3320. The Edgewood Area Tree-Lighting Ceremony will be held Sunday, Dec. 12, 6 p.m., in front of the EA Chapel, building E-4620.

To further ring in the holidays, the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will host a Holiday Concert on Saturday, Dec. 11, 7 p.m., at the Post Theater.

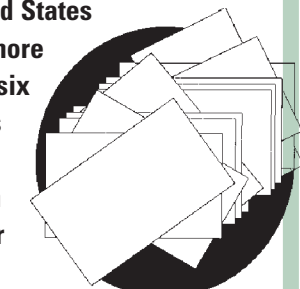
### Take a trip to new center Nov. 29

The APG Travel Center will hold an open house on Nov. 29, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The new center, which is open at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, offers all official and unofficial travel in one location. The open house will include refreshments and a tour of the new facility, which includes the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, Carlson-

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## APG Pollution Prevention Fact of the Week

People in the United States use more than six times as much paper per person as the average world citizen each year.



Statistic provided by Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

For more information on pollution prevention, call Michelle Guitard, APG Pollution Prevention Program, 410-306-2273



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

## Twice as nice

*Phlebotomist Deneira Simpson, left, prepares the arm of Angela Grinage, the first donor in the new Red Cross O&B Donor Center on APG. The center, which opened Nov. 15, uses the double red blood cell procedure, taking twice as many red blood cells while returning plasma and platelets to the donor.*

# Fall cleanup in housing areas starts Nov. 29

By Sheila Little  
APG News

Fall Cleanup for the APG housing areas is scheduled to begin Monday, Nov. 29, and run through Dec. 6.

During this time, all residents are asked to make a special effort to rake leaves, cut and edge their yards and trim overgrown shrubs.

Calling fall cleanup an issue of "community pride," APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Dean Kolker said the event "is a great time to prepare the yard for the winter and bring in the last of the flowers."

"You don't want to be out there taking care of things when the weather gets extreme," he said,

adding that one benefit is the satisfaction in knowing you've done your part in contributing to the overall appearance of the installation.

"It's an ideal time to put a little extra pride into the installation and the neighborhoods," he said.

Garden equipment, trash bags, grass seed and fertilizer are available at both Re-Nu-It Centers to supply residents with equipment and products used during the cleanup.

The hours for the Aberdeen Re-Nu-It Center, located in building 5413, are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m. The Edgewood Area location, in building E-5703, is open Wednesday

and Friday, same hours.

In addition, both Re-Nu-It Centers will be open on Saturday, Dec. 4, 8 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Special Directorate of Public Works trash, leaf and tree limb curbside pickups are scheduled for all neighborhoods except Plumb Point Loop and Hopkins Loop, on Sunday, Dec. 5, beginning at 10 a.m., and Monday, Dec. 6, beginning at 8 a.m.

Due to the Military and Civilian Spouses Club's Holiday Tour of Homes fund-raiser on Sunday, Dec. 5, DPW will conduct early pickups for the two neighborhoods affected on Friday, Dec. 3, and Saturday, Dec. 4.

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# It's official APG exceeds CFC goal by \$50K and counting

By Karen Jolley Drewen  
APG News

As of Friday, it was official - Aberdeen Proving Ground exceeded its \$270,000 goal for the Combined Federal Campaign, and did it by the Nov. 19 deadline.

By Monday evening, the CFC was still adding up contributions, with the total standing at more than \$312,000 and still counting, said CFC team member Charlee Lyons.

"So far we hit 111 percent of our goal, and we're still accepting donations through Wednesday," she said.

Sixty Eagle Awards had been presented by Monday to those who donated \$1,000 or more, she said, compared to 44 awards in 1997, and 34 awards in 1997.

Col. Robert J. Spidel, commander of APG Garrison, which spearheads APG's annual CFC

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# Gift wrapping program starts after Thanksgiving

By Yvonne Johnson  
APG News

While the day after Thanksgiving kicks off the holiday gift buying season, Nov. 26 also will kick off another Aberdeen Proving Ground tradition - the Holiday Gift Wrapping Program.

This year, 28 organizations from throughout the installation will volunteer their time to wrap

gifts for donations only, said Alice Surette, APG quality of life coordinator.

"The donations they receive for this service are put back into the community through scholarship funds, food baskets, and other community projects," she said. "Our local Army and Air Force Exchange Services sponsors this program by donating the wrap-

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# Thanksgiving feast planned at post dining facilities

Dining Facilities 4219, 4503 and E-4225 will serve the Thanksgiving Day Meal from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Nov. 25.

Family members, retirees, civilian employees and guests are invited from 1-2:30 p.m. The rate is \$5 for officers, enlisted and family members of sergeant or above, DoD civilians, retirees and guests. The discount rate of \$4 applies to spouses and family members of enlisted personnel, private through specialist/corporal, and authorized non-profit youth groups.

The menu includes shrimp cocktail, roast turkey, ham, roast beef, corn bread dressing, savory bread dressing, mashed potatoes, candied yams, corn, and assorted salads and desserts.

For military, Class A, Class B or optional Dress Blue Uniform is authorized; if soldiers are on essential duty status, they are authorized to wear the Battle Dress Uniform. Military personnel are not required to be in uniform unless directed by their commander.

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# Four decades at APG coming to a close

By Sheila Little  
APG News

The Gunpowder Branch of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Post Office won't be quite the same in a few days. On Dec. 1, Branch Manager Charles King retires after 40 years of government service.

"I'll miss this place and the people," he said. "The military and the Postal Service have both been very good to me."

A friendly smile and kind words are dispensed with mail and stamps at the Edgewood Area location. King greets the "regulars" by name, and offers encouragement and good cheer to all who enter.

Although retirements occur on post all the time, this one is a bit

unusual - it marks the end of an era for the Edgewood Area. A "King" has been working at the branch, or working with it closely, for 63 years.

"My mother, Margaret King, came here as the postmaster in 1936," he said, adding that it was called the Fort Hoyle Post Office at that time. It later became the Edgewood Arsenal Post Office before becoming a branch of the APG Post Office in the 1970's.

He started work "right out of high school" on Oct. 10, 1959. For 17 years he served at the Aberdeen Area, but returned to the Edgewood Area and became branch manager eight years ago.

APG Postmaster Al Van Kleeck said King does a great job at the branch, and is reliable and

consistent. He credited King with making a big adjustment in the last few years, converting the small Gunpowder Branch to computers.

"After doing everything manually for 38 or 39 years, he brought the Gunpowder office into the 20th century," said Van Kleeck. "He really made the adjustment well."

Retired APG Postmaster Walter Coppersmith, who worked with King during the majority of his 17 years in the Aberdeen Area, said King's interest in people was obvious, and his job with the Post Office was a good match.

"All the customers always liked Charlie. He was friendly and he was dependable," he said.

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# Holiday mailing tips from APG Post Office

By Al Van Kleeck  
APG Postmaster

The holiday season is here and now is a good time to think about sending packages to friends and relatives around the country and abroad.

The APG Post Office is ready, willing, and more able than ever before, to "Fly Like an Eagle" and take care of mailing needs during this holiday season.

The volume of mail throughout the nation is expected to rise to 20 billion mail pieces, about 4 percent more than last year. Because Christmas falls on a Saturday, the "busiest mail day" will be Monday, Dec. 13. Monday, Dec. 20, also will be a heavy mail day. The busiest delivery days will be Wednesday, Dec. 15, and Wednesday, Dec. 22.

The Post Office has self-adhesive holiday stamps,

including Vivarini's Madonna and Child, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and deer stamps. Priority and Express Mail stamps are available for last-minute mailings.

The Postal Service's web site (www.usps.com) also offers advice, zip codes, and other information.

I would like to take this time to offer some helpful tips as to how to get those important packages to their destinations on time and in one piece.

- Choose the mailing container carefully. If you're not sure about the box or container, check with us at the post office. We have various shapes and sizes including mailing tubes, padded bags, and video mailers.

- Cushion contents well, using bubble wrap, polystyrene "peanuts" or unbuttered popcorn. Shredded

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Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

*Charles King fills a money order at the Gunpowder branch of the APG Post Office.*



COMMENTARY

# Secretary of the Army, chief of staff offer Thanksgiving greeting to military

Thanksgiving is the time when we pause to express our gratitude for the many blessings that we all enjoy. It is also a time to reflect and a time to remember the many contributions that each generation of Americans have given to preserve those blessings.

We are eternal beneficiaries of their sacrifices and yours. We live in the greatest nation on earth. We rejoice in freedom and prosperity that are unmatched. Each of you should feel very proud of the part that you play in keeping America strong.

You, who serve in America’s Army, willingly step forward to serve and pledge

to defend the principles of liberty and equality. Today, people in more than 70 countries directly benefit from your presence as you spread the light of freedom around the world from Korea to the Balkans to the Sinai.

Each of you is on point for the nation. Your sacrifices make a tremendous difference for millions, and allow the citizens of the United States to live and prosper in peace and with unprecedented opportunity, protected by a strong national defense. To those of you who are deployed at this time, we give special thanks. Far from the comforts of home and the joys of the

family Thanksgiving table, you offer hope to people around the world who long for the blessings of freedom and peace.

We have many reasons to express our heartfelt thanks for all of you who serve on the army team. On this, the final Thanksgiving Day of the 20th century, we wish all of you, as well as your families, friends and colleagues a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

**Louis Caldera**  
*Secretary of the Army*

**Gen. Eric K. Shinseki**  
*Army chief of staff*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Reenlistment NCOs complete training

To the Editor:

Retention is a commander’s program. The unit reenlistment noncommissioned officer is instrumental and plays a key role in the success of the commander’s retention mission. Soldiers’ first impressions have a lasting impact throughout the entire term of service. An atmosphere in the unit fostering retention is most important and must be developed by all leaders.

The Mobile Retention Training Team from Fort Jackson, S.C., completed training of 20 unit reenlistment NCOs recently. It was a week of intensive but rewarding training, thanks to Sfc. Elisabeth A. Jones and Sfc. Roger Davis. Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison commander, and Sgt. Maj. Arthur Hayes, U.S. Army Materiel Command retention sergeant major, presented the certificates of training. Congratulations to all of the noncommissioned officers who graduated!

**Sfc. (P) Stanley J. Edwards**  
*Installation career counselor*

POST SHORTS

*SHORTS, from front page*

Wagonlit Travel official and leisure offices and the Passenger Travel Services Division.

“We encourage everyone to stop by,” said Chris Lockhart, Leisure Travel Center director. “We will be offering door prizes, including two sets of airline tickets, a two-night stay at the Best Western Invitation Inn and a two-night stay at any Red Roof Inn. Plus, you can get information on some great travel deals.”

She recommended asking about cruise specials and ski vacations. The entire post community is welcome at the event.

The center is closed Nov. 25 and 26. For information, call: **ITR Office**, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 410-278-4011; **CWT Official**, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 410-273-1100; **CWT Leisure**, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 410-273-1184;

**Transportation and Passenger Section**, Monday-Friday (closed every other Friday, APG Garrison compressed work schedule), 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (closed noon-12:30 p.m. for lunch), 410-278-3858.

### Clinic holidays coming up

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will observe the following holidays: Nov. 25, Thanksgiving; AMIC open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Nov. 26, training holiday; AMIC open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 1-888-999-5195 for appointments.

### RE-NU-IT Center closures

The Re-Nu-It Center will be closed on Friday, Nov. 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The RE-NU-IT Center will reopen on Monday, Nov. 29, 8 a.m. The centers begin winter hours Nov. 22. The Aberdeen Area center, building 5413, will be open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and the Edgewood Area center, building E-5703, will be open Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call Ellery Blake, 410-306-1108.

### Special rate at hotel offered

Military personnel who have families visiting for the Thanksgiving holiday have been offered a special rate at a local hotel. The Quality Inn in Aberdeen is offering rooms at \$40 for Thanksgiving Day, plus a full breakfast buffet for two adults at Yogi’s All-American Restaurant. Nick Patel, manager of the hotel, said the offer is not intended to make a profit, and any proceeds from the offer will be donated to the APG Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fund. The rate for other nights ranges up to \$54.95; check with the Quality Inn and Suites for details, 410-272-6000.

### Gates open during rush hour

The long-closed Magnolia Gate in the Edgewood Area and Aberdeen Gate in the Aberdeen Area are open during rush hour traffic during the dark winter months.

The gates are open from 6-8 a.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m. weekdays, said Maj. Darrel Andrews, APG provost marshal.

“This will give the post work force a limited time to use the gates during rush hours,” Andrews said.

The gates were closed in August 1998 as a force protection mea-

CA UPDATE

If you have questions about the Commercial Activities Study, send an e-mail message to the new address: [castudy@apg-emh1.apg.army.mil](mailto:castudy@apg-emh1.apg.army.mil). This replaces the old email address ([castudy@tec1.apg.army.mil](mailto:castudy@tec1.apg.army.mil)). The e-mail address is available for anyone who has a question, suggestion, or would like to voice a concern regarding the APG Garrison or Aberdeen Test Center CA studies.

The hotline phone number still is 410-278-9461, and the website address still is [www.apg.army.mil/ca.html](http://www.apg.army.mil/ca.html).

sure that required restricting the number of access points for vehicles and personnel to minimum levels when THREATCON measures increased. The decision on the limited opening of the gates is subject to change depending on THREATCON measures.

### RAB meeting set for Dec. 9

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on Thursday, Dec. 9, 7-9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topic will be the Carroll Island and Graces Quarters Study Areas. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or (800) APG-9998.

### Change benefits during open season

Health Benefits Open Season continues through Dec. 13. Open season materials and forms have been sent to agency administrative offices. For more information, contact Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, or Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

### Volunteers needed for 2000 tax season

The 2000 tax season is approaching and the APG Legal Assistance Office is soliciting volunteers to help as tax preparers. The training will be held from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 24-27, and Jan. 31, in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Brenda Taylor or Alene Williams at the Legal Assistance Office, 410-278-1583/1584.

### Pendant offered by EA-OWC

The Edgewood Area Officers’ Wives Club has an opportunity to contribute to the APG community. EA-OWC member and jewelry designer Laura Pool has crafted and donated an 11-carat London blue topaz pendant with pink tourmaline and diamond accents. The piece measures approximately one and one half inches square. The club is offering opportunities to win the pendant at \$1 per ticket, or six tickets for \$5. Proceeds will benefit local organizations and charities. The winning ticket will be drawn at the club’s holiday cookie exchange on Dec. 8. Tickets are on sale throughout the APG community, or by contacting Norma Blatterman, 410-671-9966.

### Exchange cookies on Dec. 8

The Edgewood Area Officers’ Wives Club invites EA-OWC members and their guests, and members of the Military and Civilian Spouses Club to the annual EA-OWC Holiday Cookie Exchange, held Dec. 8 at the home of Denise Doesburg, 4670 Parrish Rd. in the Edgewood Area.

The luncheon and program begins with a social time at 11:30 a.m. and a meal of soup and salad at noon, followed by the cookie exchange. Participants are invited to bring four dozen homemade cookies; one dozen on a plate for sampling, and a container for those exchanged. Although participation in the exchange is encouraged, it is not a requirement for attending this free, club-sponsored holiday event. Call Norma Blatterman, 410-671-9966, with your reservation by noon, Friday, Dec. 3.

### Theater seats available

Approximately 300 wooden theater seats, in excellent condition, are available for any organization that is willing to remove them at no cost to the government. For details, call Rich Dunham, Directorate of Public Works, 410-278-0370.

### Prayer breakfast to honor King

APG will sponsor a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Top of the Bay. Tickets cost \$6.75 per person and are available at the SBCCOM EO, Sfc. Shelton Torbert, 410-278-1534; OC&S 61st Brigade EO, Sfc. Thomas Stephanic, 410-278-5598; DTC EO, Sfc. Herbert Johnson, 410-278-1053; OC&S, Sfc. James Davis, 410-278-5598; Sfc. Gregory Kitt, 410-278-7381; CHPPM, 1st Lt. John Peyton, 410-436-8168; and SSgt. Michael Jackson, 410-278-1777. For more information, call Torbert, 410-278-1534.

### DCFA office moves to 305

The APG Garrison Directorate of Community and Family Activities’ Director’s Office and Support Services Division have relocated to the first floor, west wing, of building 305. Phone numbers for relocated personnel are: Office of the Director, Roy Ballinger, 410-306-4521; Sadie Hose, 410-306-4522; and Linda Holloway, 410-306-4520; and, Support Services Division, Doug Conley, 410-306-4515; Diane Devonshire, 410-306-4517; Hilda Minor, 410-306-4516; Kay Musgrave, 410-306-4518; and Leslie Greenleaf, 410-306-4519.

### Ice skating lessons offered

IceWorld now offers a new Learn To Skate program. Classes include professional instruction in a small group setting on Thursdays or Saturdays. The six-week series offers free skate rentals and free practices, and are grouped according to age and ability. In addition, parent and tot classes are held Tuesday afternoons. For more information, call the skating director, Carla Hackley, 410-612-1000, ext. 11. IceWorld also will host a Hockey Basics program for kids on Saturday afternoons, and one for adults on Sunday mornings. The program features fun and focuses on skill development with instruction in stick handling, shooting, passing and team concepts.

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# Community Notes

FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 26  
SUPPORT VETERANS

Weedon-Elliott VFW and Ladies Auxiliary Post No. 8126 will offer Buddy Poppy solicitations at the APG Commissary and PX during the day. The event will continue on Saturday, Nov. 27. Buddy Poppies are made by hospitalized veterans in VA hospitals. All funds donated will be used for VA hospitalized veterans' holidays.

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 1

**PERRY POINT HOLIDAY VISIT**  
Department of Maryland VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will make their holiday visit to the Perry Point Veterans Administration Hospital at 7 p.m. All VFW and Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend. Meet at building 6H.

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 3  
WOMEN VETERANS

The Maryland Free State Chapter 70 of the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association will meet at the Aberdeen Senior Citizens Center at 2 p.m. All women of the Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve are invited. For information, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040.

SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 4  
BINGO NIGHT

The EA Stark Recreation Center, building E-4140, will hold bingo, with earlybirds at 6:30 p.m., bingo at 7 p.m. The progressive jackpot is 58# at \$2,800. There are seven \$500 games and two \$250 games. The snack bar is open before, during and after bingo. For information, call 410-436-2713.

SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 5  
TOUR OF HOMES

The Annual Holiday Tour of Historical Homes will be held from noon-4 p.m. The tour starts at Top of the Bay and includes 10 locations. Tickets cost \$8 in advance, \$10 the day of the tour. A lunch buffet will be available at Top of the Bay, at additional cost; also featured will be a craft show and door prizes. The Aberdeen Middle School Orchestra, Aberdeen High School Orchestra and Aberdeen High School Choir will perform. Advance ticket sale locations include



Photo by RALPH BROTH

## 'Tis the season – for music

*Lt. Col. Jon Newmark, on piano, performs with SSgts. Wade Petree and Kay Reynolds at the third annual 389th Army Band public recital on Nov. 17. This is a busy season for the band; coming up is a performance by the Jazz Combo at the Main Post Exchange on Dec. 1, 6-7 p.m.; the Brass Quintet at the PX on Dec. 2, 6-7 p.m.; the Aberdeen Christmas Parade Dec. 4; and the Bel Air Christmas Parade Dec. 5. The band's holiday concert will be held Dec. 11, 7 p.m., at the Post Theater, with the Aberdeen High School Chorus. The concert is free and open to the public; for details, call 410-278-8769.*

the APG Thrift Shop, building 2458, and the Ordnance Museum Gift Shop. Children under age 10 are not permitted on the tour. For information, call 410-273-0525. The tour is sponsored by the Military and Civilian Spouses' Club; proceeds benefit the Welfare and Scholarship Funds.

THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 9  
AA TREE-LIGHTING

The AA Tree-Lighting Ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. in front of the Post Library, building 3320.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

The annual U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School 61st Ordnance Brigade Holiday Prayer Breakfast will be held from 6-7:30 a.m. at Top of the Bay, with the Covenant Players, a religious drama group, and a brass ensemble from the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own). The event is open to military and civilians in the Ordnance Brigade. Cost is \$5. For information, call Chaplain Mark Roeder, 410-278-2994.

## WAPG-TV

The following programs are scheduled for WAPG-TV, on-post cable channel 3, from Nov. 25-Dec. 1:

**THURSDAY, Nov. 18**  
11 a.m., 7 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

**SATURDAY, Nov. 20**  
11 a.m., 7 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

**MONDAY, Nov. 22**  
11 a.m., 7 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

**WEDNESDAY, Nov. 24**  
11 a.m., 7 p.m., Army Newswatch (30 minutes)

For more information on programming, call Lynn Witkowski, 410-278-1151.

## Chapel plans holiday events

*The following is the schedule of holiday events taking place at the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Chapels:*

### Aberdeen Area:

**Catholic:**

Nov. 28 - First Sunday of Advent - Mass, 8:45 a.m.  
Dec. 8 - Holy Day Mass for the Immaculate Conception, 11:45 a.m.  
Dec. 24 - Midnight Mass preceded by Christmas Carols, 11:30 p.m.  
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass, 9 a.m.  
Dec. 31 - Mass 5 p.m.

**Jewish:**

Dec. 9 - Chanukah Service, noon

**Protestant: (General Protestant and Gospel)**

Nov. 24 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 5 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church, Aberdeen  
Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Day Service, 10:30 a.m.  
Nov. 27 - Decorate Chapel for Christmas, 10 a.m.  
Nov. 28 - Beginning of Advent  
Dec. 11 - Christmas Caroling at the PX, 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. (Gospel)  
Dec. 15 - Christmas Caroling at the PX, 7 p.m. (Gospel)  
Dec. 19 - Children's Christmas Program, 6 p.m.  
Dec. 19 - Christmas Cantata, 7 p.m. (General Protestant)  
Dec. 22 - Community Christmas Caroling, 7 p.m. (General Protestant)  
Dec. 24- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.  
Dec. 31 - Watch Night Service, 10 p.m.

**Islamic:**

Dec. 11, Observance of Ramadan, 4-10 p.m., APG Chapel  
Dec. 18, Observance of Ramadan, 4-10 p.m., APG Chapel  
Jan. 8, Observance of Ramadan, 4-10 p.m., APG Chapel  
(For more information, call Maj. Siddique, 410-436-9064, or Sfc. White, 410-278-5394.)

### Edgewood Area:

**Catholic:**

Nov. 28 - First Sunday of Advent - Mass, 10:45 a.m.  
Dec. 8 - Holy Day Immaculate Conception, 5 p.m.  
Dec. 18 - Mass in Stable 5 p.m., preceded by caroling from Edgewood Area Chapel  
Dec. 24 - Christmas Family Mass, 5 p.m.  
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass, 11 a.m.

**Protestant:**

Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving Day Service, 10:30 a.m.  
Nov. 28 - Beginning of Advent  
Dec. 5 - Hanging of the Greens, 4 p.m.  
Dec. 12 - Edgewood Community Combined Choirs Cantata, 9:15 a.m.  
Dec. 19 - Advent Service of Lessons and Carols, 9:15 a.m.

## MOVIES

The Post Theater will be closed Nov. 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. It also will be closed Dec. 10 and 11 for the 389th Army Band annual Christmas Concert.

### DOUBLE JEOPARDY

**Friday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.**  
**Starring: Tommy Lee Jones, Ashley Judd**

A woman who served eight years in prison for her husband's murder tracks down her husband, who faked his own death and framed her as part of an insurance scam. **(Rated R)**

### THE SIXTH SENSE

**Saturday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m.**  
**Starring: Bruce Willis, Toni Collette**

An 8-year-old is haunted by a dark secret; he is visited by ghosts. While a child psychologist tries to uncover the truth, they find something unexplainable. **(Rated PG-13)**

### THREE KINGS

**Saturday, 9 p.m.**  
**Starring: George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg**

A band of American soldiers in Iraq at the end of the Gulf War embark on a treasure hunt for a huge cache of gold reportedly buried somewhere near their desert base. **(Rated R)**

## LEAVE DONATION

For information about donating annual leave, call Cheryl Gatling; 410-278-8978; or fax 410-278-8839. Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Michael Alexander (wife has cancer);  
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement);  
John Boyle;  
Barbara Breithaupt (multiple sclerosis);  
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant);  
Alberta Brown (mother ill);  
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema);  
Tammy Budkey;  
Melda Callendar;  
Sheila Cassidy (mother has cancer);  
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery);  
Dawn Crouse (surgery);  
Bonnie Day;  
Jennifer Drennen (mother terminally ill);  
William Edwards (back surgery);  
Willia Freisheim;  
Lena Goodman;  
Barbara Holland;  
Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant);  
Judy Hunt (arthropathy);  
Lilly "Kitty" Johnson (surgery);  
Marlin Julian (heart surgery);  
Sharen Kaylor (eye surgery);  
Jennifer Keetley (maternity);  
Tracey Kerney (surgery);  
Beverly King (caring for husband);  
Connie LaFlamme;  
Sherrie Laury (heart problems);  
Dolores "Dee" McGrogan (back problems);  
Susan Naccarato (carpal tunnel syndrome);  
Mary Pettitway;  
David H. Reed (wife ill);  
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery);  
Michael Reynolds;  
Denise Robinson (maternity);  
Ricky Ross (heart attack);  
Mary Lee Samples (lymphoma cancer);  
Teresa Oyler-Sayles; Allan Scarborough (back surgery);  
Sherry Schaffer;  
Walter Taylor (auto accident);  
Lavonne Telsee (caring for daughter);  
Gayle L. Thompson;  
Joseph Walker (wife has cancer);  
Rosalind Walters Kenion (maternity);  
Cecelia Walton (respiration problems);  
Kenneth Weathers (medical);  
and, Willie Williams.

## Community Recreation Division – Thanksgiving Day Schedule

Activity	Thursday Nov. 25	Friday Nov. 26	Saturday Nov. 27	Sunday Nov. 28
Arrts and Crafts - AA	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Arts and Crafts - EA	Closed	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Closed
APG Athletic Center	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Automotive Crafts Center	Closed	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
APG Bowling Center	Closed	11 a.m.-10 p.m.	1 p.m.-midnight	noon-7 p.m.
Equipment Resource Center (Open Wednesday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Exton Golf Course	8 a.m.-1 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
AA Health and Fitness Center	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Hoyle Health and Fitness Center	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Hoyle Gym	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Leisure Travel Center (ITR/Carlson Wagonlit Travel)	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Library - AA	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Library - EA	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Plumb Point Golf Course	8 a.m.-1 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Recreation Center - AA Snack Bar	noon-midnight 12:30-11 p.m.	noon-midnight 6-11 p.m.	noon-midnight 12:30-11 p.m.	noon-6 p.m. 12:30-5 p.m.
Recreation Center - EA Snack Bar	noon-midnight 12:30-11 p.m.	5 p.m.-midnight 6-11 p.m.	noon-midnight 12:30-11 p.m.	noon-6 p.m. 12:30-5 p.m.
Ruggles Golf Course	8 a.m.-1 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.	8 a.m.-5 p.m.

## MWR UPDATE

### Center offers Santa suits

Liven up your holiday office/organizational party — have Santa Claus drop in for a visit! The Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center can provide the suit, you just need to provide the stuffing. The center, located in building 2407, has a small number of Santa Claus suits available for rent, including red corduroy pants and jacket; black boot covers and belt; red hat and white gloves, wig and beard. Complete suits are \$10 per day and may be reserved by paying the daily fee in advance. Call the center at 410-278-4124/5789 for further information.

The center will be closed Nov. 25-28; items can be picked up on Wednesday, Nov. 24, and returned on Monday, Nov. 29, for a one-day fee. For additional information, contact the Equipment Resource Center at 410-278-4124/5789.

### EA Arts and Crafts Center

**Ceramic class:** A beginning ceramic class will be held Nov. 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$7 plus supplies.  
**Hours:** The center is open Thursdays, 1-9 p.m., and Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Stop by building E-4440 or call 410-436-2153 for information.

### Framing, engraving available

The Aberdeen Area Arts and Crafts Center offers custom framing in time for the holidays. The professional staff will help you select the proper mat colors and frames to fit any decor.

Conservation and museum quality framing is offered to preserve valuables. Fine art print catalogs are the newest addition. The center offers custom engraving; check out the selection of plaques and ornaments. Basic framing classes are offered. Bring your 8x10-inch image and leave with the finished product. Cost is \$15 plus supplies. Registration is required. For times and dates call 410-278-4207 or stop by building 2407 for information.

### Fitness center offers help

Take that first step to a lifestyle change for better health. Call the AA Health and Fitness Center and set up an appointment for a consultation with a staff member. The facility offers aerobics classes, kickbox aerobics and toning. The center is open Monday-Thursdays, 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, 5:30 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon. For details, call 410-278-9725/9759.

### EA Health and Fitness Center

The EA Health and Fitness Center has a new aerobics schedule, with two new classes added. Aerobics classes are held Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. On Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m., "Funky Step" classes will be held. From 6:05-7:05 p.m., step classes will be held, followed by an abdominal workout. Aerobics classes with toning are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6 p.m. A new "Aero-Box" class will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Step aerobics will be held Saturday mornings. For details, call 410-436-7134.



# O&B Donor Center opens at APG

## New procedure makes giving twice as nice

By **Yvonne Johnson**  
*APG News*

The new American Red Cross O&B Donor Center opened on Nov. 15, bringing Aberdeen Proving Ground a new collection procedure that allows blood donors to spend less time giving more.

Double red blood cell collection is the new, donor-friendly procedure that collects twice as many red blood cells in one visit, while returning platelets and plasma to the donor.

“It’s a more efficient method because donors keep their blood fluids while supplying a double dose of a much-needed resource,” said Dee Behan, donor center team manager.

She said the center is open to anyone in the community who is interested in donating blood and who meets the height and weight requirements for the procedure.

To donate double red blood cells, known as “RBCs,” men must weigh at least 130 pounds and be five feet one inches tall. Women must weigh at least 150 pounds and

be five feet, five inches tall.

Behan, who also oversees donor operations in Bel Air and White Marsh, added that no donor who meets the requirements will be turned away.

“We strive to be a type O and B donor center because that is our greatest need right now, and we’re targeting anyone in the community who wants to help the community by giving blood,” Behan said.

She added that the procedure also requires a longer waiting period between donations. Instead of 56 days the wait is 112 days between double RBC donation.

“That is good for people who would like to be regular donors but can’t manage it every 56 days,” Behan said. “This would be the same as giving twice a year.”

The average donation time is 45 minutes, about twice as long as whole blood donations. The advantages are that twice as many patients may be served with a single donation, and a patient’s exposure to multiple donors is greatly reduced.

Phlebotomists Deneira Simpson and Erica

Givens, who manage the center’s daily operations, welcomed the centers’ first donor, Angela Grinage, an administrative assistant for Child and Youth Development Services, Directorate of Community and Family Activities. The Harford County native said she has given blood many times before and she was pleased to be the center’s first donor.

“It’s an honor to be the first and I’m happy to do it,” Grinage said. “My father got me interested in it 10 years-ago and I’ve been donating regularly for the past 5 or 6 years.”

Grinage, who has O-positive blood, added that people would be more willing to undergo the procedure if they seriously considered the benefits.

“Just to know you could possibly help save someone’s life makes it all worthwhile,” Grinage said.

The O&B Donor Center is open Mondays, 2-8 p.m., and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Behan said the hours may be adjusted to meet donor needs.

For an appointment to donate, call 1-800-GIVE-BLOOD or 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

# Combined Federal Campaign hits mark

**CFC, from front page**  
drive, called the total a show of “magnificent support.”

“I want to thank everyone in the garrison who contributed to this year’s CFC,” he said. “It is no secret that it has been a tough year for our work force, and we still have some tough sailing ahead. The generosity of our employees has been remarkable. I can say without question that I have never been more proud to serve with everyone of you.”

To the tenant activities, that did a “remarkable job” not only in getting donations, but turning them in on time, he also offered thanks.

“From the bottom of our hearts, thanks to you and your work

force,” he said. “Your generous donations will help more people than you will ever know, and will touch many lives.”

Even after the office stops accepting contributions on Wednesday, people still can contribute.

“Next week, people can mail in any contributions they still have to the United Way of Central Maryland,” Lyons said.

After next week, mail donations to:

United Way  
of Central Maryland, Inc.  
100 S. Charles St.  
Baltimore, MD 21201

For more information, call the APG CFC Office, 410-278-7402/7403/7404.

# Firewood available through post program

By **Karen Jolley Drewen**  
*APG News*

If you are interested in getting up to a cord of wood per week for the cost of a \$10 permit, you may want to consider Aberdeen Proving Ground’s Firewood Sales Program.

The program, which falls under APG Regulation 420-11, enables a permit holder to take a pickup truck full of wood - about a cord - from post each week, said Roger Stoflet of the Directorate of Public Works Engineering Division.

“Proceeds from the sales of wood products

goes directly in the forestry account,” said Stoflet, who is the post agronomist. “These moneys are used to cover the costs involved in managing the forest, such as the recent gypsy moth spray program, reforestation projects and wildlife habitat improvement projects.”

The program, which was established in the early 1980s, makes available trees removed by the Directorate of Public Works. Stoflet coordinates the location of the place to pick up wood with customers when they purchase a permit.

“The buyer should come with a chainsaw or

some means of cutting the wood,” he said. “For only \$10 a pickup load, it is not cut to length.”

He added that the wood is for personal use only, not intended as a source for commercial vendors.

To purchase a permit, you must have \$10 in cash and the license plate number of the vehicle you will use to pick up the wood.

In the Aberdeen Area, contact Stoflet at 410-278-9234, building 4302; in the Edgewood Area, contact Jean Wagner, 410-436-1835, building E-5179.

# Housing cleanup starts next week

**HOUSING, from front page**

Bulk trash items from all neighborhoods should be left at the curb for a special pickup by the refuse contractor, scheduled for the Monday following cleanup week.

DPW personnel requested that in addition to bush trimmings and limbs, swept dirt be in placed in containers of manageable weight for emptying.

The leaf vacuum is scheduled to sweep all APG neighborhoods, but Kolker cautioned residents not to count on the vacuum to elimi-

nate all their leaves.

“The leaf vacuum has been known to break down,” he said. “If it does, all those who raked to the curb will have to bag their leaves for removal.”

He pointed out that raking leaves into nearby woods is a great option, since that is where the vacuum dumps them later. Those without a nearby wooded area can bag the leaves, which will then be removed by DPW personnel.

Leaf bags are available at the Re-Nu-It Centers.

## Enjoy Thanksgiving on post

**THANKSGIVING, from front page**

For civilians, men should wear a sports coat, dress trousers, dress sweater, designer jeans with sports jacket or sweater with tie. Women should wear dresses, pant suits, skirt with blouse and jacket, designer jeans, blouse and sweater or jacket. Inappropriate attire includes military issue physical training gear, jogging suits and gym clothes, sweaty, dirty or wrinkled clothing; and excessively worn or torn jeans. For details, call the Installation Food Service Office, 410-306-1396/1397.

# Four decades at APG coming to a close

**KING, from front page**  
Darlene Edwards, a frequent customer who works at the Army Environmental Center, said King will be missed not only for the job he does, but how he does it. His outgoing manner lends a close, small town feeling to the branch.

“He’s a friendly person who is very conscientious about his work. He personalizes the job,” she said.

Long-time customer Bill Starks, who has a post office box at the branch, has known King since 1965. Speaking for many who do business in the branch, he said the manager has been “a real plus for us,” showing consideration for the job that he is doing and the people he is assisting.

“He’s extremely gregarious, and will do anything he can to assist the patrons, making the effort to go beyond what is absolutely necessary,” Starks said.

“He has been a very good post-man for us.”

Jim Chalcraft has known King “just about all of his working career.” Chalcraft came to APG as a draftee in 1958, and stayed after his two-year military stint, working as a civilian. Working for the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command’s Research and Development Directorate, Chalcraft said since he is single and travels, having a post office box on the installation has been great for him. He knows that even when he is gone for long periods, he doesn’t have to worry that mail will get misplaced.

“Knowing the personal care Charlie provides makes it easy for me,” Chalcraft said, adding that he is one of several customers who is a stamp collector. King makes a point of notifying interested parties when special stamps are available.

“It’s the personal touches he adds,” said Chalcraft. “We’re all going to miss him, there’s no doubt about that.”

King said when his mother retired in 1972, she had spent her entire career at the same location. Since he was close to his mother, who passed away a number of years ago, he was glad to return to the Edgewood Area Branch.

King said he has enjoyed working for the Postal Service, an organization that he describes as “strict but fair,” and enjoyed being on a military post.

He tried to join the military as a young man, but failed to qualify medically. With Postal Service guidelines, regulations, dress requirements and the branch location, he feels close to the military.

“The boys are always respectful and polite,” he said of his military customers. “I’ve got nothing but good things to say about them.

It’s been an honor to work with them.”

King is planning on spending more time with his family, which has grown in the past few years with the birth of two granddaughters, Kristen Rose, 3, and Nicole Grace, born in early October. His wife of 37 years, Joan, works for a bank in Baltimore. Son John is a photographer in Delaware, and John’s twin brother, Charles, is an architect in New York. His daughter, Margaret Kanaras, a former APG employee and mother of the two grandchildren, will see more of her dad, as he endeavors to “chase around my grandchildren.”

King said he will attend church services daily, do more traveling, “especially out west,” and perhaps get a part-time church-related job.

“Working for the Post Office and with the military has been great,” he said. “I’ve enjoyed it all.”

# Mail packages by recommended dates for on-time delivery

**MAILING, from front page**

or rolled newspaper can be used, but crumpled newspaper can shift and compress, leaving the contents at risk.

- Use reinforced tape to seal the package. Masking and transparent tapes won’t hold up.
- Use waterproof ink to address the package, in case the package runs into wet weather.
- Use a complete address, including suite or apartment numbers. Always include a return address. Also, place a return address label inside the package.
- When mailing photographs, use padded envelopes (available at Post Office), and cushioning, then have them hand canceled.
- Use Priority Mail for two- or three-day delivery service, for \$3.20 for up to two pounds. Express Mail overnight service is available 365 days a year, including Sundays, holidays and Christmas Day.

The Post Office offers several ways to pay for postal purchases, including credit and debit cards. The main Post Office at APG will open at 7 a.m. from Dec. 13-22.

## International/military mail Christmas dates

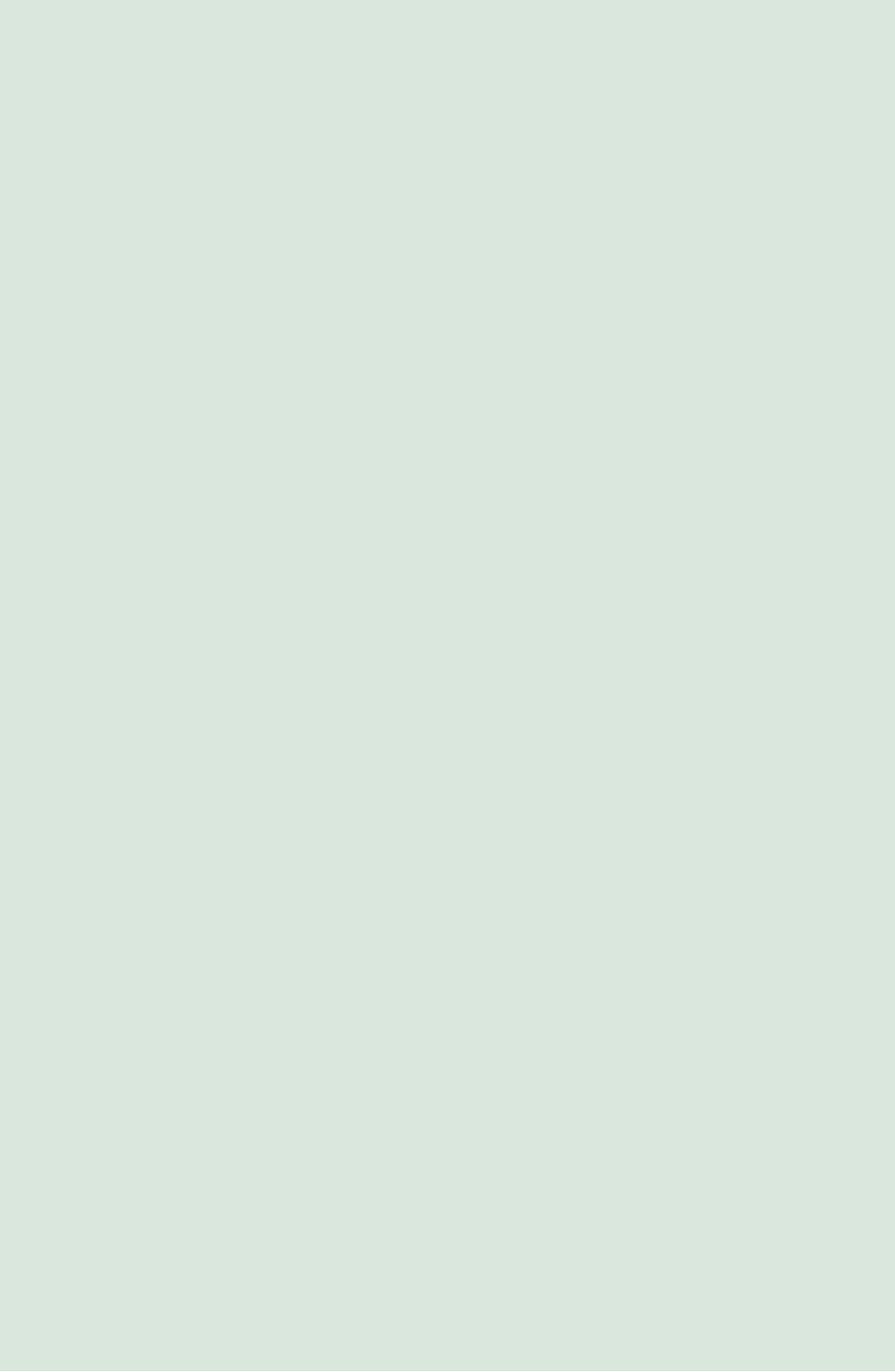
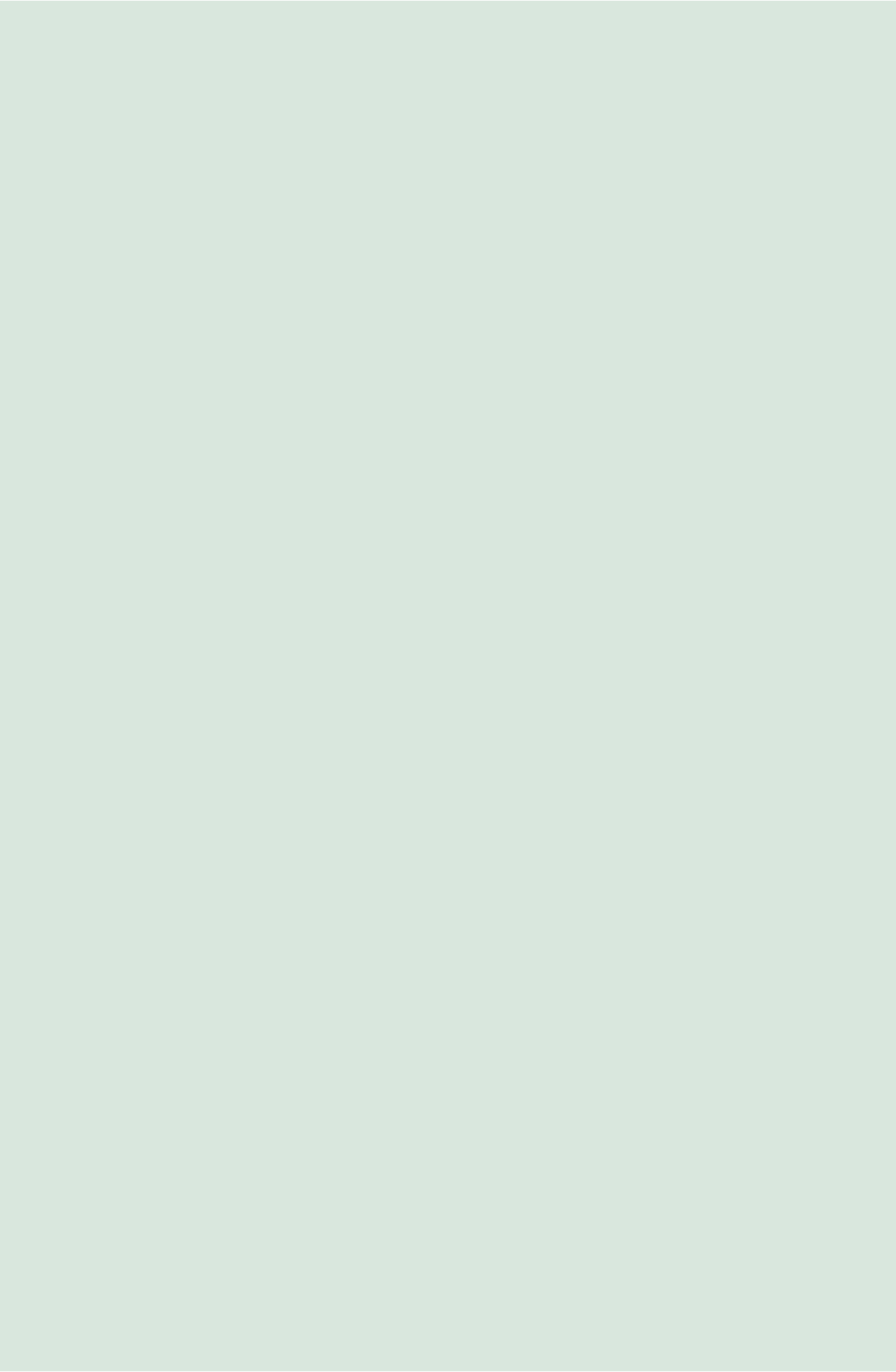
In response to customers’ requests for this year’s Christmas mailing dates, the following recommended mailing dates are provided. To ensure delivery of Christmas cards and packages to military APO/FPO addresses overseas and to international addresses, mail by the following dates:

Military Mail addressed To	First-Class Letters/Cards	Priority Mail	Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL)	Space Available Mail (SAM)	Standard Mail
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-098	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Dec. 3	Nov. 27	Nov. 6
APO/FPO AA ZIPs 340	Dec. 10	Dec. 10	Dec. 3	Nov. 27	Nov. 6
APO/FPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec. 10	Dec. 3	Nov. 27	Nov. 6	

PAL: This service provides air transportation for parcels on a space-available basis. PAL is available for Standard Mail not exceeding 30 pounds or 60 inches in length and girth combined. For each piece sent by PAL service, the applicable fee must be paid in addition to the regular surface rate.

SAM: Parcels paid at Standard Mail postage rates are transported domestically by surface and then to overseas destinations by air on a space-available basis. The maximum weight and size limits are 15 pounds and 60 inches in length and girth combined.

International Mail Addressed To	Air Letters & Cards	Air Parcel Post	Surface
Africa	Dec. 2	Dec. 2	Oct. 25
Asia/Pacific Rim	Dec. 9	Dec. 9	Nov. 5
Australia/New Zealand	Dec. 9	Dec. 9	Nov. 5
Canada/Mexico	Dec. 13	Dec. 13	Nov. 26
Caribbean	Dec. 9	Dec. 9	Nov. 12
Central and South America	Dec. 2	Dec. 2	Nov. 5
Europe	Dec. 9	Dec. 9	Nov. 12
Middle East	Dec. 9	Dec. 9	Oct. 29





# Make changes to Thrift Savings Plan through the end of January

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will conduct a Thrift Savings Plan Open Season from Nov. 15-Jan. 31, 2000. During this open enrollment period, employees may elect to enroll in the TSP or change their current TSP deduction.

Thrift Savings Plan Open Season Update Pamphlets and TSP Election Forms (TSP-1) and instructions will be distributed to agency administrative offices upon receipt, in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

### Effective dates

Elections will become effective as follows:		
<b>TSP-1 received in CPAC:</b>	<b>Effective date:</b>	
Nov. 15-Jan. 1	Jan. 2	
Jan. 2-15	Jan. 16	
Jan. 16-29	Jan. 30	
Jan. 30 or 31	Feb. 13	

Election forms received after Jan. 31 will not be processed. Election forms received during open season affect future TSP contributions only. Employees who wish to change the way their TSP account balance is currently invested must request a TSP Interfund Transfer. Interfund transfers can be made up to once a month by calling the ThriftLine at 504-255-8777 or by completing a TSP-30, Interfund Transfer Request, available from the APG CPAC or the TSP web site, [www.tsp.gov](http://www.tsp.gov). The TSP web site includes current TSP information, forms and publications.

Beginning next year, the IRS will raise the annual limit for contributing to TSP to \$10,500. Employees under CSRS may contribute up to 5 percent of base pay, and employees covered under FERS may contribute up to 10 percent of base pay. The annual contribution for the year 2000 may not exceed the \$10,500 cap.

Points of contact for this information at the APG CPAC are Kathy Anderson, 410-278-2649, and Teri Wright, 410-278-4331.

# Schedule set for groups to wrap gifts

***WRAPPING, from front page***

ping paper and boxes. The volunteer organizations provide the manpower, scissors and tape.”

Volunteer organizations will start wrapping gifts during the kick-off of the holiday season on Friday, Nov. 26, 7 a.m., and will continue to wrap gifts during PX hours of operation through Christmas Eve.

“You can relieve the stress of wrapping gifts and help support our community at the same time,

have your gifts wrapped, for a small donation, by a volunteer,” she said.

The program pays off for the organizations that participate. Senior Master Sgt. Joe Gmaz, first sergeant of the U.S. Air Force Detachment, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, said the unit is never short of volunteers for the annual project.

“Our instructors and spouses are always happy to do it. They seem to have a lot of fun just chat-

ting with the shoppers,” Gmaz said. “Hopefully, we’ll raise enough for our Christmas party.”

Gmaz added that he also will be helping out in this, his last holiday season on active-duty, as he is set to retire in February.

Soldiers who volunteer to wrap gifts for the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program will receive a free lunch, said Spc. Jeneen Nash, B.O.S.S. Program representative from Headquarters Support Troop, APG Garrison.

Nash said soldiers from 16th Ordnance Battalion will assist B.O.S.S. personnel, thanks to help from 16th Ordnance Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Godofredo Posadas.

The B.O.S.S. Program hopes to raise enough money to host a holiday supper for single soldiers, she added.

Moira Kearney, wife of Maj. John Kearney, executive officer of 143rd Ordnance Battalion, has her hands full, coordinating gift wrapping efforts for 143rd’s Family Support Group and for the Edgewood Area’s Officers Wives Club. In her second year as coordinator, Kearney said recruiting volunteers for gift wrapping is never difficult.

“Sometimes I just put a sign up and people volunteer,” Kearney said. “People are usually pretty willing to do it.”

She said 143rd FSG will use its funds for a children’s Christmas party and the EA-OWC will add any money they make to the club’s scholarship and welfare fund.

SSgt. Tracey Roberson, a medical laboratory technician from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, is coordinating her units’ gift-wrapping efforts for the first time

“I basically go around to the clinics asking for volunteers,” Roberson said. A member of Enlisted Fellowship, a soldier’s group that does volunteer work, Roberson said, “We’re pretty good at getting helpers. Even a lot of spouses have volunteered.”

She said the unit plans to use funds for gifts and plaques for departing soldiers and their families.

## Organizations plan to wrap gifts

The following organizations will wrap gifts at the Main Post Exchange starting the day after Thanksgiving, and continuing until Christmas Eve. The organizations work for donations, and most wrapping materials are provided by Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

November	Hours	Organization
Nov. 26	7 a.m.-3 p.m. 3-10 p.m.	Girl Scout 270 Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program
Nov. 27	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	143rd Ordnance Battalion Family Support Group
Nov. 28	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	Aberdeen High School Booster/Parent Teacher Support Organization
Nov. 29	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	Air Force Detachment 1 Family Support Group
Nov. 30	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	Air Force 361 Family Support Group
<b>December</b>		
Dec. 1	9 a.m.-10 p.m.	Kirk Family Support Group
Dec. 2	9 a.m.-10 p.m.	American Red Cross
Dec. 3	9 a.m.-10 p.m.	203rd Family Support Group
Dec. 4	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	Women’s Army Corps
Dec. 5	10 a.m.-9 p.m.	HST Garrison Family Support Group
Dec. 6	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	CHPPM Family Support Group
Dec. 7	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	Aberdeen High School PTSO
Dec. 8	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Dec. 9	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	389th Army Band Family Support Group
Dec. 10	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	520th TAML Family Support Group
Dec. 11	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	389th Army Band Family Support Group
Dec. 12	10 a.m.-6 p.m.	Aberdeen High School Booster
Dec. 13	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	OC&S CSD Family Support Group
Dec. 14	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Dec. 15	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	Kirk Family Support Group
Dec. 16	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	520th Theater Army Medical Laboratory
Dec. 17	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	Military and Civilian Spouses Club
Dec. 18	9 a.m.-10 p.m.	EA/AA Youth Centers
Dec. 19	9 a.m.-7 p.m.	Warrant Officers Association
Dec. 20	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	Noncommissioned Officers Association
Dec. 21	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	520th TAML
Dec. 22	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	Women Air Force Group
Dec. 23	9 a.m.-9 p.m.	Air Force Det 1 Family Support Group
Dec. 24	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	Protestant Women of the Chapel

# Army Family Week

The following specials are scheduled for Army Family Week, Nov. 21-27:

**Bowling Center**

Family bowling - each family member bowls for only \$1.25 per game with 75 cents shoe rental during open bowling throughout the week. During Cosmic Bowling, each family member will bowl for \$1.75 per game. Make it a family outing!

**Golf Course**

10 percent discount at any APG golf course.

**Outdoor Recreation**

Ski rental half-price coupons for active duty military and their eligible family members. Coupons good for one time during the 99/00 season. Coupons can not be used for season packages or in conjunction with any other discounts.

**Health & Fitness Center**

20 percent off fitness center user fees for all first time center participants during Army Family Week.

**AA & EA Libraries**

Family-related book displays and reading lists.

**EA Arts & Crafts**

Free ceramic pouring class Saturday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m.

**Automotive Crafts Center**

\$1 off bay fees during Army Family Week.

**EA & AA Recreation Center**

Family Bingo, Nov. 27 in the Edgewood Area, Nov. 28 in the Aberdeen Area. Special \$500 games with regular bingo games.

**Army Community Service**

Year-round classes and programs for military families. Stop by building 2754 during Army Family Week to see what we can do for you.

**Youth Centers**

Parent and child basketball games. Fun, and games Nov. 24, 6-8 p.m., AA Youth Center.

**AA Child Development Center**

Afternoon social for parents and children, Nov. 24, 2-4:15 p.m.

**Family Child Care**

Playgroup fun at EA Youth Services Nov. 24, 9:30 a.m.

**Quality of Life Office**

Pick up your free “Army Families Are Special” stickers at either Child Development Center, Youth Center or library during Army Family Week.

### Want the latest post news?

Listen to the APG REPORT on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 7:08 a.m. and 4:08 p.m., on Aberdeen's WAMD radio station, 970 AM.



# Sports and Fitness

## HHC 16th takes post football crown; repeating champs sweep USMC, 20-0, 28-6

**By Yvonne Johnson**  
*APG News*

Neither a week-long break nor near-freezing winds dampened enthusiasm for the flag football finals at APG’s Shine Sports Field Nov. 15.

Plenty of fans watched as HHC 16th took two games from USMC to win the 1999 APG Intramural Flag Football Championship, 20-0 and 28-6.

In the first game HHC 16th drew first blood with a second-quarter touchdown, then converted a two-point-play for an 8-0 lead. Penalties and incompletions plagued the hard-charging Marines, who couldn’t come up with an answer for HHC 16th’s swarming defense.

“We laid the smack-eth down,” HHC 16th Coach Kevin Jenkins said as his team took a 12-0 lead into the fourth quarter. “They have a lot of heart, but with our experience, we’re too much for them.”

In the second half, USMC received the ball deep in their own territory but had a solid drive, crossing mid-field with short

passing routes outside and running inside. A fourth-down gamble failed, however, and HHC 16th took over, running two short routes before USMC intercepted a pass inside their own 20-yard line to end the quarter.

After an incomplete pass, a holding penalty and a sack on their quarterback, USMC gave up the ball for the last time in the fourth quarter to HHC 16th who went on to win that game, 20-0.

USMC Coach Zach Rhodes said his team of students would not give up.

“We finished the regular season in second place and we were unbeaten in the playoffs,” Rhodes said. “That’s hard to do when you have a lot of turnovers.”

In the second game, HHC 16th picked up where it left off. They rang up 12 points before USMC scored early in the third quarter on a near interception that was tipped into the hands of the receiver. The two-point play failed, however, and HHC 16th took over deep in their own territory. On the first play from scrimmage, dodging defenders all the way, running



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

***HHC 16th Ordnance Battalion 1st Sgt. Kevin Gray accepts the 1999 Intramural Flag Football Championship trophy from Col. Robert J. Spidel, deputy installation commander. HHC 16th swept USMC in two games to win its third consecutive title.***

back Anthony Dorsey ran the ball in from his own 5-yard line for a touchdown.

HHC won that game, 28-6, to take the post flag football championship for the third year in a row.

Dorsey was named most valu-

able player after making key plays as running back and linebacker. An instructor with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School, Dorsey said he used to run track for U.S. Army Europe and plans to try out for the All Army team.

## Plan for safe holiday parties

The Alcohol and Drug Control Office will hold its annual Holiday Open House on Dec. 9, 1-3 p.m., at ACS Headquarters, building 2754 on Rodman Road. Light refreshments will be served, and information about how to hold festive but safe holiday entertainment will be provided, said Cynthia Scott, a drug and alcohol prevention specialist at ACS.

“A host is responsible for ensuring that if their guests are drinking, they are not drinking too much, and they are not driving,” Scott said. “Some options we offer for consideration is providing non-alcoholic beverages, enough food to slow the effects of alcohol, and options for taking people home, whether you call them a cab or drive them home yourself.

“Our effort is part of ‘3D,’ the national Drunk and Drugged Driving Awareness Campaign,” she added. “We always have the red ribbon available for people to put on their vehicles, to heighten awareness of this issue. We want to give people information to make good decisions.” If you plan to attend the open house, call ACS at 410-278-7474/7478 by Dec. 3.

**Have a story for the APG News? E-mail it to [kdrewen@apgnews.com](mailto:kdrewen@apgnews.com), or drop it off on disk at building 324, second floor.**

### Youth Update

#### Edgewood Area events

Sign up for Driver’s Education, featuring 30 hours of classroom instruction and six hours of driving. Cost is \$225 (\$215 for Youth Services members). The course is open to youths ages 15 years and 4 months and older. For details, call 410-436-2862 or stop by the EA Youth Center in building E-1902.

A Talent Show and Dance will be held Dec. 4, 7 p.m. If you have a talent and would like to perform, contact Ms. Dee by Nov. 24. Following the show, there will be a dance, with music provided by the D.J. Club. Cost is \$2.

#### Photo contest

The Youth Centers will participate in the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Photography Contest. If interested, attend the Discovery Club meetings, where the topic will be photography. The AA Youth Center date is Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m. The EA Youth Center meeting will be held Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m. For details, call Warwick or Gary Nyikos, 410-436-7131.



# ATC gives coins to employees

**By Phyllis J. DeFranks**  
*ATC Public Affairs Office*

Col. Andrew G. Ellis, Aberdeen Test Center commander, recently presented ATC Commander's Coins to Hazel Cassady, Mark Riley, Bill Steelman, Charles Carter, John Carlos, James Brown and Samuel Dixon.

The presentation recognized the employees' contributions to the multi-year Multiple Launch Rocket System Survivability Program, for conducting an 18-shot blast/shock test at ATC and White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Ellis noted that the employees worked under severe constraints of range availability, project schedules, and limited funding. Despite these obstacles, many excellent efforts were observed, reflecting a high degree of professionalism in the daily performance of a myriad of different tasks performed by these individuals.

"This is a great example of team effort within ATC," Ellis said. "Going the extra mile benefits both us and the sponsor."



**James H. Zarzycki, technical director of the Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center, and Col. Andrew G. Ellis, commander of Aberdeen Test Center, shake hands after signing a memorandum of agreement.**

## ATC signs agreement with ECBC

**By Phyllis J. DeFranks**  
*ATC Public Affairs Office*

Col. Andrew G. Ellis, commander of Aberdeen Test Center and James H. Zarzycki, technical director of the Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center, signed a memorandum of agreement on Oct. 12, establishing a partnership between ATC and ECBC.

This agreement will foster cooperation between

the ATC and ECBC Experimental Fabrication Shops, and develop a mutual understanding of capabilities that will promote business opportunities, compliment and supplement each facility's capabilities and instill an understanding of one-stop-shopping in potential customers.

Both Ellis and Zarzycki agreed that signing this agreement is the initial step in building a great working partnership between ATC and ECBC.

# APG honors four post NCOs upon retirement

**By Yvonne Johnson**  
*APG News*

Four Aberdeen Proving Ground noncommissioned officers were honored in a retirement ceremony at Top of the Bay Nov. 17.

As more than 100 people looked on, Col. Robert J. Spidel, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, and APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Dean M. Kolker presented awards to the NCOs and their spouses.

"The great Americans we honor today have helped make today's Army what it is," Spidel said, adding special thanks to the families. "I can think of no other career that demands so much of families."

Master Sgt. Lewis R. Patterson, assistant commandant for the NCO Academy, U. S. Army Ordnance Center and School,

retired after 20 years of active service and four years of reserve service, including four overseas tours. Patterson is married to Liz Patterson.

His plans are to move home to Arizona, hike the canyons and run the rivers of the southwest United States.

Patterson received the Meritorious Service Medal, the DA Certificate of Retirement and the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation.

Master Sgt. Bradford Washington, S-4 NCO-in-charge, 61st Ordnance Brigade, OC&S, retired after 20 years in the Army and the U.S. Air Force.

His overseas tours include Germany, Korea and Saudi Arabia.

His wife, Cassandra, and their children, Larisa and Jaytice, live in Augusta. Patterson said he

owes much of his success to his relationship with his son, Jaytice.

"I came up on the rough side of St. Louis, Missouri. I wanted to show myself and my son how to be a better human being," Washington said.

He received the Meritorious Service Medal, the Department of the Army Certificate of Retirement and the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation.

Sfc. Zeferino H. Martinez was accompanied by his wife, Tammy. He completed a 22-year career as the senior personnel sergeant, 61st Ordnance Brigade, OC&S.

He served overseas in Germany, the Netherlands and Hawaii, and stateside in Fort Sill, Okla.; Fort Riley, Kan., and Fort Polk, La.

Martinez said his plans include helping his daughter, Erica, with her musical career and spending

more time with his wife and other daughter, Shanina.

SSgt. Diana S. Alden, who was joined by her husband, James, retired after a 20-year career that included two tours in Germany and service in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War. She ended her career as a counterintelligence agent with the New England Resident Office, 902nd Military Intelligence Group at Fort Devens, Mass.

Alden said she had mixed feelings about leaving the military.

"I'm happy because I had a wonderful 20 years and I think I'm a better person for the experience," Alden said.

Her plans include spending more time with her husband and daughter Barbara Lynn while furthering her education and continuing work with the intelligence community.

# Apache helicopters undergo tail rotor, gearbox inspections

**By Gerry J. Gilmore**  
*Army News Service*

WASHINGTON (Nov. 17, 1999) – The Army's AH-64 Apache helicopters are undergoing inspections to determine the serviceability of the aircraft's tail-rotor system and gearbox components.

The inspections involve all 743 Apaches – to include older "A" and newer "D" models – in service across the force, said Col. Fred Naigle, the chief of the Aviation Division, Office of the

Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics in the Pentagon.

The Army estimates that up to half of the aircraft inspected may require replacement parts to return them to flyable status, said Naigle.

The tail-rotor inspections, announced by Army officials Nov. 5, concentrate on the hanger bearing assemblies, or flanges, which act as connectors between the tail rotor and the power drive.

The gearbox inspections were announced Nov. 12, and center on two clutches in the accessory

gearbox, a component of the helicopter's transmission, said Army officials.

A recent Apache crash at Fort Rucker, Ala., which totaled the aircraft and injured its two-man crew, was traced to failure of the hanger bearing assembly, said officials. Investigators determined

the helicopter's hanger bearing assembly had developed corrosion-stress cracks, due to a tempering treatment, which caused the metal to become brittle.

Naigle said he wasn't certain when both Armywide inspections would be complete. Unaffected aircraft will be returned to service.



# IMPAC makes ordering supplies and services easier

**By Mary Young**  
*APG IMPAC Program coordinator*

The International Merchant Purchase Authorization Card has made the lives of employees post-wide easier by providing a fast and efficient method of acquiring supplies and services under \$2,500.

Items and services that in the past could have taken as much as 60 to 90 days for the requester to have access to, now can be acquired in as little as two or three days. These efficiencies have resulted in the savings of time and critical mission dollars in countless ways.

But what happens when you have the need of the goods and services of a vendor that does not accept the IMPAC? You probably are thinking that you would have to go back to having your action processed the old-fashioned way. Just a short time ago you probably would have been right!

But, The Army Materiel Command Acquisition Center now has IMPAC checks. These are checks that are issued by the IMPAC contractor, U.S. Bank, as an extension of the IMPAC program.

IMPAC checks may be used to acquire one time, non-repetitive

supplies and services under \$2,500 when a merchant does not accept the IMPAC. A check may be written to anyone (individual or business) who has the ability to cash or deposit a check.

The process of using this tool is no different for you than any other request for procurement action. A funding document which has gone through appropriate approval channels is forward-

ed to the AMC Acquisition Center. The assigned Acquisition Center purchasing agent contacts the vendor to obtain pricing, delivery information and to clarify other terms and conditions.

Before finalizing the acquisition, the purchasing agent asks the vendor if the card is an acceptable method of purchase for the transaction. When the vendor does not accept the

IMPAC, the purchasing agent forwards the completed purchase to the Acquisition Center IMPAC Check Account holder for issuance of a check to the vendor. It is that easy.

The vendor is happy it is receiving a check on the spot for services, and you have access to merchants that provide valuable services but don't have the capital for equipment to process cred-

it card purchases. There are currently two check accounts established in the Acquisition Center, one for organizations on post that use the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in Rock Island Ill. (including APG Garrison, the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Aberdeen Test Center, the Army Environmental Center

and the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Agency) and those using DFAS Indianapolis (the Civilian Personnel Operations Center and CPOC Management Agency).

If your organization does not have access to an IMPAC check account and would like to have one established, forward a written request to the IMPAC card team at [creditcard@apg-emh1.apg.army.mil](mailto:creditcard@apg-emh1.apg.army.mil).

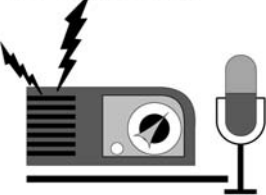
## EA-OWC selects winners of baskets

The Edgewood Area Officers' Wives Club recently announced the winners of a basket fund-raiser, determined by a drawing held Oct. 30.

The Generosity Basket was won by Jan Graine, a U.S. Army Environmental Center employee. Dorethea Townsel, a resident and employee of the Aberdeen Area, won the Beachcomber and Seashell Basket combination. The Homestead Basket and matching crock were won by Jeanette Gulick, also of APG.

The EA-OWC thanks all those involved with the sale and purchase of tickets during the fund-raiser. Proceeds raised support local organizations and charities, and will be distributed in the spring.

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# Scout ‘mom’ is top volunteer

**By Sheila Little**  
*APG News*

Connie Beardsley is the APG Volunteer of the Month for November. Well-known in the local Boy Scout community, she is one of Troop 426’s more active moms.

A volunteer with years of Scout leadership experience, Beardsley became involved when her older daughter joined a Girl Scout Brownie Troop nearly 20 years ago. Now, Beardsley helps with her son’s troop. Command Sgt. Maj. Dean Kolker, troop leader, said Beardsley is constantly volunteering to the Scouts.

“You can count on her to say, ‘What can I help you with?’” he said.

Kolker said Beardsley was instrumental in getting the troop started two years ago, and raising membership from two to more than 20. Although she assists with Cub Scouts from time to time, she provides transportation, is in her second year as troop treasurer, and is an active participant in fund-raising for the Boy Scouts.

Kolker said Beardsley’s willingness to participate sometimes was the only reason the boys were able to go camping. Troop member Elijah Bracero said the Scouts appreciate her willingness to go camping. One of the ways they honored her was by electing her to the Order of the Arrow this year.

Michael Beardsley, 13, said his mom “is a very hard worker, and has a good way of motivating us to get things done.”

He added that she participates in everything, and does not limit herself to being “troop mom.”

“But if we need a mom, she’s a mom,” added Scout Jessie Atchison, 11.

Often, helping with Scouting is a family affair. Her husband, military retiree Howard Beardsley, and son Michael, are involved with the troop. Howard Beardsley was recognized by the Harford County Chamber of



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

**APG’s Volunteer of the Month Connie Beardsley poses with her son, Michael, prior to the weekly troop meeting.**

Commerce last week for his volunteer efforts on behalf of Scouts, and was APG’s 1999 Retiree Volunteer of the Year. Both daughters, who were Girl Scouts, are grown; Genevieve works in New Jersey, and Sarah is a freshman in college at Salisbury.

“I started with Girl Scouts when the girls were younger, but Boy Scouts is my main focus now,” Beardsley said. “I like the program for the boys. I think it is very effective in building self-esteem.”

She added that being a woman has not been a problem.

“I’ve never been told that I couldn’t participate. With the military, often the dads are in the field and so many other dads are occupied elsewhere, I’ve been very fortunate to be able to participate,” she said.

Participation does not mean baking cupcakes and cheering from the sidelines. She is one of a small number of females who participated in a wilderness survival camp last January. There, more than 100 participants constructed campfires in less than ideal conditions, found out how to build

shelters, and learned about edible plants. She compared the winter weekend at Broad Creek to “camping on a sheet of ice.”

“That’s the fun part for me, I love being outdoors,” she said.

Beardsley was described as “the ideal Scout,” by Evelyn Atchison, mother of two Scouts; Jessie and William, 9, a Cub Scout.

“Look up the definition for ‘Scout,’ and you’ll find Connie’s picture there,” she said.

Beardsley has been a great help to APG’s program, but has not neglected her personal growth. While volunteering, she has also worked for a temporary secretarial agency, done substitute teaching, and finished a bachelor’s degree in psychology and business administration. She is looking forward to a spring graduation at the University of Maryland.

Other current volunteer experiences include helping at Edgewood Middle School, where Michael is an eighth grader, and participating in the Order of the Eastern Star, a social and philanthropic group.

Beardsley said she gets a lot out of helping with Scouts and especially encourages those from the military to get involved.

“It’s a win-win situation for everyone,” she said, adding that leaders do not have to have children in the troop.

It is a great organization for retirees or young soldiers “who can really relate to the boys,” she said.

Beardsley added that she regrets not participating in Scouting as a child.

“I wish I had known more about these programs when I was a kid,” she said.

For information on volunteering for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or other organizations on post, contact Installation Volunteer Coordinator Alice Surette, 410-278-5469.

# APG volunteer ships off to Virginia

**By Sheila Little**  
*APG News*

It’s “anchors aweigh” this month for one of Aberdeen Proving Ground’s volunteers.

Becky Cornforth leaves several post organizations and friends from both areas of the installation as she and her husband, Navy Cmdr. Lee Cornforth, and their son, Robert, 5, relocate to Virginia.

Formerly assigned to the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Cornforth’s husband recently became administration and resources director for the Naval Ophthalmic Support and Training Activity at the Naval Weapons Station in Yorktown.

A military spouse for 13 years, Cornforth began volunteering on a regular basis when the family was assigned to Guam. Opting out of full-time employment, Cornforth said she turned to volunteering as a way to contribute without the constraints of a paid position.

“I wanted something extra to do, but still have time to travel,” she said.

The volunteer worked up to 40 hours a week as a receptionist for the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society, but found time to travel back home to Oregon and visit several exotic locations, including Bali.

With the arrival of a baby, Cornforth cut back on her volunteer hours. When Robert turned 6 months old, the then-San Diego-assigned family began hosting foreign exchange students, continuing to share American culture with teens from Japan and Germany. While here, she also has been vice president in charge of fundraising and vice president in charge of programs for the Military and Civilian Spouses Club, and newsletter chairman for two years for the Edgewood Area Officers’ Wives Club. She volunteered at the EA Thrift Shop, served on the Parent Advisory Committee for the EA Youth Center and was the community mayor for Austin Road for more than two years.

A problem-solver who believes knowledge and involvement are important, Cornforth was credited with bringing oth-



Photo by DAVE MAYOR

**In the midst of packing for a move to Virginia, Becky Cornforth, with husband Lee and son Robert, reflects on the family’s three years at APG.**

ers together and resolving oversights.

“A true military wife,” is how Karen Chambers, vice president of the EA-OWC, recently described Cornforth. Chambers said Cornforth took the time to sign food vouchers for the APG Thanksgiving food drive, while surrounded by packers boxing household goods.

Chambers added that Cornforth kept both the MCSC and EA-OWC well-informed, and contributed to the success of both clubs during the two years she simultaneously covered board positions.

Interested in the welfare of her neighborhood, Cornforth said she became a community mayor to become familiar with the process of getting things done. She said her biggest accomplishments as mayor of Austin Road were the playground upgrade and yard fences. She said improvements “happened a lot quicker” with a neighborhood resident tracking the issues.

Cornforth said she will miss the many friends she has made, but will also remember APG for saluting those who contribute to the installation.

She said she has never seen an event like the post’s volunteer recognition ceremony, and said it is a great way to honor the contributions of volunteers throughout the military community. Urging others to donate time wherever they live, Cornforth added volunteers are needed everywhere.

“The opportunities for volunteering abound,” she said.